

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

Question: Will the flat rate be based on so much per phone call or will it be based on so much per service?

I do not make long distant phone calls unless an absolute emergency.

I am a 71 year old retired Senior Citizen, living on a fixed income and I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Unlike some less unfortunates, so far I have been able to hang on to my phone service for "in case of emergencies". Every increase which comes along, regardless of what it is, causes me to make a decision of some nature that changes my way of life.

The way I understand this flat fee proposal which you are considering is, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls.

In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. If this is so, this is unfair!

I already keep my long distance calls to a very minimum by restricting to only emergency calls should the need arrive. I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

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